



The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

CDXA 2013 BBQ Is Almost Here

In case you missed the e-mail, and haven't looked at the CDXA web-site for awhile, here's *another* reminder that the 2013 Fall BBQ is coming up. Chef Ric (AA4SC) will again be bringing his delicious BBQ, and everyone who comes is asked to bring a salad or dessert. Here's the full scoop:

N4QT	Hal Bouton	President
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W3OA	Dick Williams	Contest Mgr.
W3GQ	Paul Sturpe	W4 QSL Bureau Manager
WB4BXW	Wayne Setzer	Webmaster
NV4A	John Forbus	Editor

The BBQ is on Saturday, October 12th beginning @ 5PM at the QTH of Bob and Wanda Burton at [10420 Country Lane, Charlotte NC 28214](https://www.google.com/maps/place/10420+Country+Lane,+Charlotte,+NC+28214).

Our resident chef, Ric Porter AA4SC, is catering the event, and we will provide BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw and Drinks.

The price is \$12 per person.

We are accepting PayPal in advance, and cash and credit cards at the door.

As in past years, everyone is encouraged to bring something to share at the BBQ. Changing it up for 2013, we are requesting that if your last name begins with the letters A-L that you please bring a dessert item, and if your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a salad item.

We are now accepting reservations. To RSVP, please click on this [LINK to the RSVP form](#).



CDXA PacketCluster & Other Communication Systems	
K4MD (AR Cluster via Telnet)	k4md.no-ip.com
W4DXA (AR Cluster via Telnet)	w4dxa.no-ip.com
CDXA Repeater 147.18 MHz (+600)	W4DXA, Near Fort Mill, SC
World Wide Web Homepage	www.cdxa.org
Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC

CWAC 2013 – CDXA Needs More Participants



Dick Williams, W3OA

It's time to get ready for the CQ World Wide Contests and CDXA's CWAC (Contest Within a Contest.) The phone contest is the weekend of October 25, CW the weekend of November 22 (the weekend before Thanksgiving). We are again offering a lot of prizes to encourage you to participate in CWAC and thus contribute to CDXA's CQWW Club Score. The Outback Steakhouse gift cards have been very popular prizes in past years. But if the Outback isn't one of your favorite restaurants, you can use the same card at Carrabba's Italian Grill, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, and Bonefish Grill.

Our CQWW Club Scores for the last several years are shown in the right-hand column. You can see we made the top ten in 2007 but haven't made it back since then. We need everyone's help to regain our top ten standing.

There are prizes for both serious efforts and more casual operations:

1st place prizes – Each winner can choose a trophy or a \$50 Outback Steak House gift card. These will be

awarded in the categories listed below. An individual can only win one trophy/gift card. The DXpedition and Multi-op prizes will only be awarded to an entrant whose score is high enough to have won one of the other first prizes.

- Top combined phone and CW score
- Top phone score
- Top CW score.
- Top Dxpedition score.
- Top phone score, low power.
- Top CW score, low power.
- Top Multi-op score.

-1000 or more QSOs total in the phone and CW contests – Each winner can choose a trophy or a \$25 gift card for Outback Steak House.

-500 or more QSOs – A photo printed CDXA certificate and a chance in a raffle for a \$25 gift card.

-250 or more QSOs – A chance in a raffle for a \$25 gift card.

Only members whose scores are eligible for the club competition as defined in the contest rules can win a gift card or a trophy. That means their station must be within 275 km of our club center or be on a DXpedition and live within that radius. We can choose where our club center is, so don't count yourself out just because you are a little more than 275 km from Charlotte. The rules are available in full at <http://www.cqww.com/rules.php> or page 38 of the September CQ. All CDXA members are eligible for the CDXA certificates.

Again this year **all logs must be submitted within five days after the end of the contest**. Previously we had 30 days.

Prizes will be based on your claimed score and presented at the Christmas dinner.

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The purpose of the association is to secure for the members the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons having a common interest in Amateur Radio.

Members of the CDXA shall adhere to "The Amateur's Code" as published from time to time in *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs*, and shall consist of those valid licensed amateur operators having an interest in promoting amateur radio. Long distance communications (DX) is of special interest to members of the association, but said interest is not a requirement of membership.

Yearly dues are \$25.00. A second licensed Amateur family member living in the same household can join for \$5.00 for a total family price of \$30.00 per year. The total price for 3 or more licensed family members living in the same household is only \$35.00 per year. All family members enjoy full member status. Dues are payable annually in December by check or through the CDXA website, to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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Address, telephone, and email address changes should be directed to the Secretary/Treasurer at the above address or via email at: jcw53@cornell.edu.

Year	CDXA Score	Rank in USA
2005	17,672,958	18
2006	25,680,386	12
2007	34,784,070	8
2008	28,284,340	12
2009	24,942,122	13
2010	32,684,047	12
2011	60,196,309	11
2012	49,233,286	13

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Let me know if you have any questions, suggestions, or need help in preparing for CQWW.

And please let me know if you are planning a DXpedition for CQWW.

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Save That Date



We don't have all the details yet, but we do have a date for the CDXA Christmas Party. It's going to be on December the 5th. Put it on your calendar and be on the lookout for more information.

Lucky Ted

For those of you who weren't at the Shelby Hamfest, you may not know that our own Ted, W4VHF, won the tri-band yagi given away as the pre-registration prize. Here's Ted, kicking back with his feet up, along with (L/R) Wayne, KU4V, Nyles, KS4S, and Ric, AA4SC.



DX King News

Dick Williams, W3OA

Item 1: Full details of our DX King Contest and your chances to win a tablet computer are on page 3 of the [January Pileup](#).

Item 2: Here are the scores for the 2013 DX King competition I have as of August 31:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
K5EK	Unlimited	268	40	308
K7BV	Unlimited	264	40	304
W4HG	Unlimited	260	40	300
W3GQ	Unlimited	237	39	276
K4GHS	Unlimited	233	40	273
AA4SC	Unlimited	218	38	256
W3ZL	Formula	187	35	222
K2SX	Unlimited	177	40	217
K4NC	Unlimited	177	38	215
K4FS	Unlimited	155	36	191
NV4A	Unlimited	147	35	182
W3OA	Unlimited	138	38	176
NK0S	Unlimited	129	38	167
K1MIJ	Unlimited	132	33	165
N2TU	Unlimited	128	32	160
K4DXA	Unlimited	114	31	145
N4PQX	Unlimited	105	40	145
W4WNT	Formula	114	26	140
W1AJT	Unlimited	103	33	136
W4CWA	Unlimited	104	31	135
W4UFO	Unlimited	104	28	132
KZ2I	Unlimited	94	26	120
K8YC	Formula	83	26	109

Item 3: Don't forget to send me (w3oa@roadrunner.com) your DX marathon scores as of the last day of each month after your score reaches 100.

CDXA Scores in 2013 ARRL International DX Phone Contest

Dick Williams, W3OA

The final results of this year's ARRL International DX phone contest have been published. This included the results of the 2013 Club Competition. CDXA's total score in the CW and phone contests combined was 26,958,444. That's three million points more than last year and good enough to place us fourth of the 34 clubs in the Medium Category this year.

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the CDXA members who contributed to CDXA's club score in the phone contest and scored in the top half of their class. The last column shows the member's place in his class in the geographic area shown and the number of entrants in that class from that area.

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in Class
AA4R	745,308	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	2/50 also 1/11 in NC
AA4V	1,233,792	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	6/76 also 1/4 in SC
K1MIJ	371,229	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	29/76
K2SD	283,131	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	33/76
K2SX	393,390	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	27/76
K4DXA	435,942	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	25/76
K4FS	350,898	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	5/50 also 2/11 in NC
K4NC	328,440	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Low Power	4/126 also 2/20 in NC
K5EK	1,539,648	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	3/76
KU4V	758,430	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power	9/67 also 1/9 in NC
KY4P	152,118	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power	32/67
N4ZC	2,396,163	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	1/76 also 9/424 in US and 13/653 in World
NV4A	380,103	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	28/76
W3GQ	1,383,084	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	4/76
W3OA	1,557,600	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	2/76
W3ZL	274,815	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	7/50
W4DEE	40,128	South Carolina	Single Op, High Power	2/5
W4WNT	146,601	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	15/50

CDXAers in CQ

Once again, a couple of CDXAers are mentioned in CQ Magazine, in the September edition.

In an article entitled “Ham Radio Goes to the Movies”, Dennis, K7BV, gets mention for his/Yaesu’s loan of an FTdx5000 for the new movie *Parinoia*. Unfortunately, the 5000 didn’t make the final cut for the movie.

There’s also a short feature on the K9W DXPedition, with a quote from Lou, N2TU, the team leader.

A Visit to the New W4 QSL Bureau

Since the new W4 QSL Bureau has been in operation for awhile now, under the command of our new QSL Bureau Manager, Paul, W3GQ, I thought a visit might be in order (...especially since Paul’s house is only five minutes from mine....)

I figured that the Bureau would be hidden in Paul’s very well equipped basement shop, since his XYL Sue, N3ASE, runs a pretty tight ship at home. I was surprised to find a very clever and practical solution to the Bureau location. As you can see in the picture, Paul has managed to combine the QSL Bureau with their wet bar. What a great move!

Ken, K4DXA, Paul’s predecessor, had a very nice Bureau setup, but ...no wet bar, as you can see in the picture of his Bureau.

Paul says he spends on average a couple of hours a week working on Bureau-related tasks. He credits a great crew of pre-sorters and sorters for the efficiency of the Bureau. If you aren’t a W4, N4, or K4, you might not have checked out the Bureau information on the web site at <http://www.cdxa.org/qsl-bureau.shtml>. Note that Paul says he’ll prepare envelopes as discussed on the web page for any of us, not just the single prefix “4s”. That’s a pretty handy way to get your envelopes to the Bureau.

Here’s Paul standing in front of his combination QSL Bureau and Wet Bar.



...and here’s the “Old” Bureau, run by Ken, K4DXA, which was very well organized too. ...just without the bar!



Because I’m the King

I had a conversation with Gary, K4MQG, a couple of weeks ago at lunch about the late King Hussein of Jordan, JY1, with whom Gary (along with some other CDXAers) was friendly. It made me think of the stories about hams who called JY1, without knowing to whom they were talking, and asked how he got such a great call. The response was always “...It helps to be the King.”

It also reminded me of a friend of mine who worked for the State Dept. in Jordan (...and who shall remain nameless) and helped the King prepare for his ham license and set his station up. He says he explained to King Hussein that since he wasn’t *his* king, he wasn’t sure what to call him. He and the King agreed on “Mr. Hussein” and “Mr. X.”

The Back Page

- Don't forget that the fall BBQ is coming up on October the 12th. See Page One for details. Also, don't forget to save the evening of the 5th of December for our Holiday Party/Yearly Election.
- We need more participants in the Contest Within A Contest (CWAC) for the upcoming CQ Phone and CW WW contests. See W3OA's article on Page 2, and get on the air to help us out.
- See who's taking the lead in the DX King competition on Page 3.
- CDXA placed fourth in the Medium Club category of the 2013 ARRL International Phone Contest. See the details on Page 4.
- For a look at the new "4" QSL Bureau, go to Page 5.
- ...and stay tuned for the November edition where we'll try to catch up with the Wayback Machine, and get the lowdown on CDXAers in the ARRL Fall VHF Contest, which is still in progress as this is written.

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